

WCS Reopening Framework FAQ: Cleaning and Disinfecting

Have expanded cleaning and disinfecting practices been put in-place for this school year in accordance with COVID-19 requirements?

Yes. Our janitorial contractors have been issued specific guidance for COVID-19 building cleaning in support of having all students and staff back in our buildings. These include:

- Cleaning daily with additional disinfecting of high touch areas (doorknobs/handles/plates, light switches, door frames, all restroom bright work and fixtures, handrails, etc.).
- Cleaning restrooms hourly as well as high touch area disinfecting, with particular attention to soap dispenser and paper product stocks.
- Providing and maintaining additional hand sanitizer stations for schools to place where they feel they are needed most. More if deemed necessary by the school.
- Providing CDC COVID-19 approved disinfecting/cleaning supplies to each classroom to use during the day as desired.
- Performing nightly electrostatic misting disinfecting of hallway, lockers and high touch areas.
- Conducting building disinfecting after reports of a positive COVID-19 case in preps of Health Department contract tracing. In-house reconstruction of the contact's movements will guide immediate response to areas to be cleaned.

What cleaning will be done if someone in the school tests positive for COVID-19?

CDC guidance recommends that if the person was just in the facility, we wait 24-hours before starting cleaning if possible. Contact tracing by administrators will help define what areas of the school will need cleaning. Once that is determined, the janitorial contractors will do a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the selected areas finalizing with electrostatic misting of the areas that have been cleaned. CDC guidance also states that if the individual has not been in the building for seven days then regular cleaning is all that is necessary.



How long will schools be closed for cleaning?

Typically, we will have to close a school for two to five days for cleaning, depending on what recommendations are made by the Health Department.